

Women's Activities

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(Photo by Jack Webb)

NEW FOR NEW . . . Looking over by-laws of the Riviera Elementary School PTA unit which was organized last Wednesday evening at Seaside School are Mrs. Allan Storms, citizenship chairman of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers, who served as installing officer; Mrs. Raymond E. Hoie, newly elected president of the PTA and Robert R. Dexter, new principal of the school which is expected to reach completion next month. The unit numbered 349 persons among its charter members.

Paris Styles To Highlight Benefit Show

Copies of the latest Parisian designs will be featured at the spring luncheon and fashion show to be given by the Women's Auxiliary to Hawthorne Community Hospital April 23 at Palos Verdes Country Club.

Theme of the style review will be "Spring Fashion Palette," according to Mrs. Ralph I. Branning Jr., chairman of the committee making arrangements for the affair.

Proceeds of the benefit will be used to furnish a pediatric ward at the hospital with special equipment for children and to decorate the ward.

Reservations are being limited to 300, and should be made as soon as possible with Mrs. Branning at Frontier 4-3288 or Mrs. John L. Dew of Hawthorne at Osborne 6-8789.

Members of the auxiliary serving on the arrangements committee are Mmes. John McSparran of Manhattan Beach, William H. Rambo of Rolling Hills, Richard Adams of Manhattan

Sam Levy Made Associate Member of Torrance YW

Sam Levy, a man who has figured prominently in the civic life of Torrance since the city's early days, was given another feather for his cap Thursday evening when the YWCA presented him with a lifetime associate membership.

The award was made during the first annual meeting of the Torrance branch YWCA, Levy supervised building of the "Y" and was instrumental in obtaining funds, material and labor for its construction.

Also honored were Mrs. Lee A. McCoy, building chairman, and Mrs. Charles E. Wallace, president of the Junior Woman's Club which raised the original \$13,000 for the building.

Gertrude Eakin, executive director of the Long Beach YWCA, was speaker for the evening. She described the "Y" program and the accomplishments and aims of the organization.

The welcoming address was given by Mrs. Lee Stamps, chairman of the Torrance branch Committee on Administration. During the business meeting reports were given by Mrs. Mary

Beach, Jack Ellison of Alondra Park, Marion Wilson of Manhattan Beach and A. Hyatt of El Segundo.



SAM LEVY . . . Another Feather

Results of the election for members of the branch committee were announced by Mrs. J. Parke Montague. Three-year terms will be filled by Mmes. F. P. Foley, Lee A. McCoy, Carl Mohler, Floyd Miller and Charles E. Wallace.

Mmes. H. P. Jensen, W. E. Eckert, Helene Scott, A. S. Solomon and Grover C. Van DeVenter will serve on the nominating committee through May, 1953.

Group singing was led by Harlow Hanon and members of the Y-Teens sang an arrangement. Nell Colburn, Y-Teen advisor and Shirley York, Y-Teen member, also took part in the program.

Festive Eve Enjoyed By Area Nurses

King Galey reigned in the staff room at San Pedro Community Hospital last night when the Harbor Area Nurses Association of District 21 hosted a pot-luck dinner for members, husbands and friends.

The event marked the second fund-raising event of 1952 by the association. Supper was served from 6 until 7:30 p.m. and was followed by a program and business meeting for the nurses at 8:30.

NOVEL EVENING PLANNED BY YOUNG BUSINESS WOMEN

Spaghetti and beauty is the unusual combination offered by the Young Business Women's Association of the Torrance YWCA for next Thursday evening.

The newly organized group is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner at 6:45 p.m. in the Y building. Following dinner, Miss Muriel Murdock, famous beauty consultant, will offer tips on beauty, grooming and poise. She will also present a comedy monologue. Reservations may be made by calling 1534 before April 15.

RNA Members Attend Culver City Parley

Royal Neighbors of America from Torrance Camp 8908 joined with members of other camps Tuesday afternoon and evening at a convention in Culver City.

Over 40 members of the local group were present for the parley, and demonstrated the investigation of applicants wishing to affiliate themselves with the order.

Others from Torrance, members of the drill team, did a Western theme drill and joined with members of the San Pedro Camp to present several songs. Christine Hamill, a state worker in Royal Neighbors, was presented with a check for ten dollars by Mrs. Belva Brase, oracle of the Torrance camp. The money will be used for one of the old people's homes in Iowa.

Gold Star Meeting Set

American Legion Hall in Redondo Beach will be the setting for the next semi-monthly meeting of Torrance Memorial Chapter, American Gold Star Mothers, set for Tuesday, April 15.

The agenda for the evening will include election of delegates to the National convention of Gold Star Mothers, which will be in Long Beach in June. Members will also discuss plans for the annual memorial service, which will be observed during the first May meeting.

ANNUAL RECIPROCIITY

Woman's Club Hostesses Day For County, District Officers

Many guests were honored last Wednesday when Torrance Woman's Club gave its annual reciprocity luncheon and program in the clubhouse.

Places at the head table were set for past presidents of the Torrance club and for Mmes. Alan W. Young, president of Los Angeles District, California Federation of Woman's Clubs; J. Ellsworth Hixson, president of Los Angeles County CFWC; Harry B. Underwood, first vice-president of Los Angeles District, CFWC; and Arthur Belzer, second vice-president of Los Angeles District, CFWC.

Also greeted by Mrs. B. W. Roberts, president of Torrance Woman's Club, were Mrs. E. P. Goetz, president of the Playa del Rey club and page of the county president, and Mrs. William T. Sexton of Torrance, amenities and courtesy chairman for the Los Angeles district.

Miniature ceramic gavels marked each place at the head table. It was centered by an arrangement of pink and yellow marguerites in a century-old, hand woven basket belonging to Mrs. M. M. Schwab.

Mrs. C. P. Olson headed the committee in charge of decorations. Other tables were adorned with miniature wishing wells trimmed with yellow and pink paper flowers, while placed about the room were large arrangements of tinted calla lilies and daffodils. Each guest of honor was presented with a corsage of yellow roses.

In addition to the officials of the state and district, many presidents of neighboring woman's clubs also attended the affair.

The PTA will serve coffee and doughnuts to mothers of preschool children during the North Torrance "roundup" and registration of the youngsters April 21 and 22.



OFF THEY GO . . . Over 40 members of Torrance Camp 8908, Royal Neighbors of America, boarded a chartered bus Tuesday bound for Culver City where the women attended a convention hosted by the Culver Neighbors. Led by their Oracle, Mrs. Belva Brase, the group participated in several

events on the program. The drill team demonstrated its prowess during the evening session, joining members of the San Pedro Camp for western songs and presenting a western style drill. (Herald photo).

RED CROSS TELLS CAMPAIGN RESULTS

Residential section of the Red Cross fund campaign is "over the top." The good news was voiced by Mrs. Don Hyde, chairman of the Torrance branch, American Red Cross, at the monthly meeting of the branch officers Friday.

Members of the nominating committee were named, and will be headed by Mrs. W. G. Jerrens III. Choosing the new slate will be Mrs. Charles Curtis, George Powell, John Spaulding and Dale Isenberg.

GOOD MUSIC PROMISED FOR HARBOR CITY SING

Musical interpretations by the Debonaires, young orchestral group from the harbor area, will be featured tomorrow night at the Harbor City community sing which begins at 7:30 in the Harbor City Elementary School auditorium.

The program is sponsored by the Los Angeles Bureau of Music and will be highlighted by 13-year-old Johnny Basse's trombone version of "Twelfth Street Rag."

Others on the program will be Patsy Younger, pianist; Dave Cook, Fred Gilman and Charles Van, trumpets; Chuck McKinley, drums; Danny Watts, Gene Parker, Dick Walker and Johnny Taylor, saxophones; Kay Ball, double bass and Mary Basse, violin. An accordionist and vocalist will also participate. Delbert Bench, general chairman of the sing, extends a cordial invitation to all residents of the area to attend the gathering. Howard Berghem is director of the Debonaires and Virginia McLeod is accompanist. Birthdays and anniversaries will be observed during the social hour following the program.

PTA to Aid High School Grad Party

North Torrance Elementary School PTA last week voted to give \$25 to the Torrance High School to aid expenses of the all-night graduation party which will take place in June at El Camino College.

The move was made by members of the executive board of the PTA when they met Wednesday, with Mrs. Ralph McBee presiding.

Plans for the annual PTA Council breakfast were discussed. The gathering will be May 14 at El Camino, and all PTA members are urged to attend. Reservations may be made with Mrs. McBee at Menlo 4-2012.

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